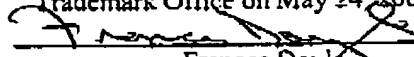


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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006 please amend the subject application as follows: